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1. This dispatch sets forth the Station's operational interest in Subject, an analysis of his present status, and plans for further development of Subject for the purpose of eventual recruitment in place. Subject, in the Station's opinion, represents the most likely recruitment target in the NYALS field at the present time.

Nature of Interest

2. Mexico City Station considers it definitely established that Subject is a Polish intelligence officer (MSW). Subject has been in contact with Cesar GONZALEZ Sanchez (201-266065) who has been identified by BEPLACE and BEVISION as being a MSW agent. The Station tends to discount BEVISION's identification of SPYRA as being a MSW officer partly because of the tie between SPYRA and a known MSW agent and partly because as Headquarters pointed out in HMMV-10097 dated 14 Sep 1961, BEVISION did not seem to know of his identification of SPYRA's photograph.

3. The Station is quite sure of SPYRA's intelligence status and, because he is an intelligence officer, is particularly interested in him as an operational target.

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... the Station's collection from the above is less than 20% of the above figure. Operational contact with ONIDA, 12, at this time is the year 1978. From this information, it appears that the location has been moved from where they may have had in 1978, 1979.

12. On the other hand, BECA TCH has been a rather good source of SPYRA's range of apparently also in all cases. There is no doubt that he has a large percentage of his time in normal cultural affairs. Many of his contacts do not present any apparent operational potential for KUBARK, other than the simple reason that the Station is unable to positively identify them and others because they are by reputation ideologically disposed toward cooperation with Communists. As pointed out in preceding paragraphs, however, there are at least a few of his contacts that warrant further investigation and possible utilization.

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14. Several other interesting items of information regarding SPYRA have been noted. For example, he has a habit, if not a habit, of travel in Mexico outside Mexico City. For the record, we are aware of trips to:

San Luis Potosi	- February 1963
Cundahuera	- May 1963
Zacatecas	- May 1963
San Luis Potosi	- June 1963
San Luis Potosi	- August 1963

Although not much lead has been experienced in locating or his travel history enough in evidence to cover his trips, the Station does have a summary of information from BECA TCH on his trips to Cundahuera and from Raymond R. GONZALEZ on one of his trips to Zacatecas. BECA TCH reported that SPYRA contacts local cultural figures (such as one named FERNANDEZ, an employee of the local "Casa de Cultura"). On the other hand, SPYRA spends most of his time reading in his hotel room and chasing girls, according to BECA TCH. He once told BECA TCH that these trips offered him an opportunity to escape from the restrictions of Mexico City and the Polish official community. GONZALEZ, who was in Zacatecas in early June 1963, just after SPYRA had been there, reported the following:

"A dark clerk at the hotel said that a man, a Lithuanian living SPYRA's description, had stayed at the hotel some days and the "Poles" who did not appear to know what SPYRA's reasons for being in Zacatecas might have been. There were playing soccer at the "Casa de Cultura" and that a man that could not be SPYRA (from a physical description) came to watch them play and also to be the ball around. He was a good soccer player."

15. The Mexican City Police have been kind of busy as to how SPYRA identified the local Polish official community. The SPYRA lives a comfortable distance from the Embassy, in an apartment building that has been described as "exclusive." Although SPYRA has been apparently close to the Embassy since he reported during the summer of 1963, he has not yet appeared to be close to any other Polish official. In the possible exception of the CIAIRRA's, from what BECA TCH has reported. SPYRA does not seem to have any other Polish officialdom in Mexico.

16. The Station has been advised of reports of the cultural activities through it should be aware of any such activities which could be of interest to the Station.

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On 2/24/84, RECA/TCH made a denial. It is placed in further support of my clear belief that RECA/TCH is sincere, nevertheless, that since contact was dropped with RECA/TCH, the last time RECA/TCH was in Mexico City, RECA/TCH was unable to establish contact with him. It is unclear whether or not RECA/TCH/RECA/TCH is still in the country. At any rate, RECA/TCH does not represent me. RECA/TCH is a man who could conceivably and only give me information on RECA/TCH, but also serve as a means of contact by a consular official.

On 10.1.1964, CATCHER came to assist in getting another 10 YRA. school in Guadalajara. FARDINAS was the only teacher at the school as being himself a YRA. According to CATCHER, FARDINAS was a member in good standing (in 1944) of the IRENA (Mexican Soviet Cultural Institute) in Guadalajara and that, prior to CATCHER's arrival, Avenida Libertad 771-B. Neither at that time nor now will prove useful in the YRA operation in Jalisco state.

10. General GONZALEZ, however, the Station is still in the matter of
hearing out GONZALEZ, present whereabouts and trying to get a better line
on him, particularly his political position, since LINCOLN, Brown and
probably others, there has been contact between SPYRA and GONZALEZ
since 1950. Nevertheless, it is clear that the contact, too much more to be
to stay on top of, has not been since that time. The Station believes,
in any case, that it has enough information to approach GONZALEZ, proving
to him that we are aware of his secret trip to Poland (and contact with Polish
intelligence). It is noted that by using this information, which appears to
what appears to be the inside the high level, the Station could get a better
handle on the nature and extent of his past intelligence activities and perhaps
no part SPYRA has played in it, making, if contact with SPYRA will, which
could possibly be established, SPYRA might prevent, already, source
information on SPYRA, not in a matter of personal confidence with him.

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